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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER
BIJEDIC; DRAFT JOINT PRESS RELEASE (S/S NO. 7505176)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM LOWENSTEIN THRU SONNENFELDT

1. THE PROBLEM

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT JOINT PRESS RELEASE WE HAVE PROPOSED TO THE YUGOSLAVS FOR ISSUANCE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AT THE CLOSE OF YUGOSLAV PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON MARCH 19-21. THIS TEXT FOLLOWS VERY CLOSELY THE TONE AND SUBSTANCE OF THE JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE INCLUSION OF YOUR VISIT TO BELGRADE ON NOVEMBER 4, 1974.

BEGIN TEXT: AT THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, DZEMAL BIJEDIC,
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ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, VISITED WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM

MARCH 19 TO 21, 1975.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, GERALD R. FORD, GAVE A LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AT THE WHITE HOUSE MARCH 19. THE

PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TOOK THIS OPPORTUNITY TO CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA, JOSIP BROZ TITO. THE LUNCHEON MEETING TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY AND OPENNESS.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD TALKS ON BILATERAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS OF INTEREST TO THE TWO COUNTRIES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY A. KISSINGER, WHO TOGETHER WITH MRS. KISSINGER GAVE A DINNER IN HONOR OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND MRS. BIJEDIC MARCH 20. THE PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ALSO MET WITH THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, FREDERICK B. DENT, THE PRESIDENT OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK, WILLIAM C. CASEY, AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE OVERSEAS PRIVATE INVESTMENT CORPORATION, MARSHALL T. MAYS. THESE MEETINGS FOCUSED ON TRADE AND OTHER FORMS OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE TWO SIDES DEVOTED PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO AREAS OF CONTINUING CRISIS SUCH AS THE MIDDLE EAST AND CYPRUS. IN SETTING FORTH THEIR VIEWS CONCERNING THE PATHS TO BE FOLLOWED IN ATTEMPTING TO RESOLVE THESE AND OTHER OUTSTANDING WORLD PROBLEMS, THE TWO SIDES EMPHASIZED THE BENEFIT OF REGULAR CONTACTS AND CONSULTATION AT ALL LEVELS TO HEIGHTEN UNDERSTANDING AND MUTUAL RESPECT FOR ONE ANOTHER'S VIEWS AND POSITIONS.

REAFFIRMING THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE PRESERVATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE IN EUROPE AND THE FURTHER ADVANCEMENT OF CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION AMONG EUROPEAN STATES IN A WIDE VARIETY OF FIELDS, THE TWO SIDES EMPHASIZED THEIR

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DETERMINATION AND MUTUAL INTEREST IN THE CONTINUED COORDINATION OF EFFORTS TO ATTAIN ACCEPTANCE OF BASIC PRINCIPLES OF INTER-EUROPEAN COOPERATION AND SECURITY, AND AN EARLY, SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE.

BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED CONTINUED DETERMINATION TO STRIVE FOR EFFECTIVE DISARMAMENT MEASURES WHICH WOULD STRENGTHEN THE

PEACE AND SECURITY OF ALL PEOPLES.

THE TWO SIDES AFFIRMED THAT SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS WHICH PRESENTLY FACE MANKIND MUST BE SOUGHT BY PEACEFUL MEANS OF THE BASIS OF RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE SOVEREIGN EQUALITY OF ALL STATES IRRESPECTIVE OF SIZE OR SOCIAL, POLITICAL

AND ECONOMIC SYSTEM. IN THIS REGARD, IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT YUGOSLAVIA'S POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT CAN CONTRIBUTE ACTIVELY TO GREATER UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES AND THE PURSUIT OF PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS AND CONFLICTS.

ECONOMIC PROBLEMS CURRENTLY FACING THE WORLD WERE DISCUSSED IN THE CONTEXT OF GROWING INTERNATIONAL INTER-DEPENDENCE. THE TWO SIDES STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF FINDING SOLUTIONS TO SUCH PROBLEMS AS ENERGY AND OTHER RAW MATERIALS, FOOD, POPULATION, THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THEY AGREED THAT GENUINE PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE WORLD DEPEND ON THE ACHIEVEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARD THE RESOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS, AND THAT SUCH PROGRESS CAN BEST BE ACHIEVED BY COOPERATIVE EFFORTS WHICH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF ALL COUNTRIES RATHER THAN BY CONFRONTATION.

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT CONTINUED PROGRESS HAS BEEN REGISTERED IN BILATERAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THEY NOTED PARTICULARLY THE SUBSTANTIAL AND CONTINUING GROWTH OF TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES IN RECENT YEARS AND AGREED TO ACT TO PROMOTE CONTINUED ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION, INCLUDING JOINT INVEST-

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MENTS. BOTH SIDES ALSO EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO MAINTAIN A HIGH LEVEL OF JOINT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS AND INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THEY ALSO REAFFIRMED THEIR INTENTION OF ENCOURAGE THE FURTHER EXPANSION OF CULTURAL COOPERATION, REITERATING THEIR EXPECTATION THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE SOCIALIST FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA IN THE FORTHCOMING BICENTENNIAL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL SERVE TO DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

THE TWO SIDES underscored once again the continuing VALIDITY OF THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH IN THE JOINT STATEMENT OF OCTOBER 30, 1971, WHICH CONSTITUTES A SOLID BASIS FOR

STABLE, FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND A BROAD SPECTRUM OF MUTUALLY
BENEFICIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. END TEXT.

2. BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

THE FORMULATIONS ON YUGOSLAVIA'S POLICY OF QUOTE NON-
ALIGNMENT UNQUOTE, AND THE ROLE OF AMERICANS OF YUGOSLAV
EXTRACTION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE US DO NOT REPEAT NOT

GO AN INCH BEYOND THE LANGUAGE CONTAINED IN THE JOINT
STATEMENT OF NOVEMBER 4.

3. EUR RECOMMENDS THAT YOU APPROVE THE TEXT.

4. RECOMMENDATION

THAT YOU APPROVE THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT JOINT PRESS
RELEASE.

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